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SUBJECT: HIDALGO TEXAS LABOR VIOLENCE

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1. ACCORDING TO SEMI-OFFICIAL EL NACIONAL, FONSEC RABASA HAS SENT "PRECISE AND DIRECT" INSTRUCTIONS TO MEXICAN CONSUL GABRIEL GOMEZ RADILLA IN MCALLE, TEXAS, TO INTERVENE IMMEDIATELY WITH APPROPRIATE U.S. AUTHORITIES ON BEHALF OF MEXICAN MIGRANT WORKERS ALLEGEDLY INJURED BY RANCHER CHARLES MILLER, DEMANDING THAT MILLER BE PROSECUTED. AT SAME TIME, GOMEZ RADILLA HAS BEEN TOLD TO VISIT EACH OF INJURED PERSONS AND OFFER "UNLIMITED" AID AND PROTECTION OF MEXICAN GOVERNMENT.

2. GOMEZ RADILLA HAS ACCORDINGLY DIRECTED A WRITTEN INQUIRY TO HIDALGO COUNTRY SHERIFF CLAUDIO CASTANEDA REQUESTING INFORMATION ON THE SHOOTING INCIDENT AND URGING MILLER'S PROSECUTION. COPY OF CONSUL'S LETTER, PUBLISHED IN REYNOSA PRESS, BEING UNCLASSIFIED

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3. COMMENT: CONSUL SMITH REPORTS THAT INCIDENT CONTINUES TO RECEIVE HEAVY PRESS PLAY IN MEXICAN BORDER NEWSPAPERS, WITH HEAVY EMPHASIS ON ANGLO VERSUS CHICANO FACTOR. ALTHOUGH MOST MEXICO CITY NEWSPAPERS REPORTED RABASA'S INSTRUCTIONS, COVERAGE HERE HAS BEEN DISTINCTLY LOWER-KEYED AND WITHOUT EDITORIAL COMMENT. RETICENCE TO PULL OUT STOPS IN EXPLOITING THIS INCIDENT AS EXAMPLE OF ABUSES SUFFERED BY MEXICAN IMMIGRANTS IS PROBABLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO CONTINUING UNCERTAINTY REGARDING THEIR NATIONALITY AND STATUS IN U.S.
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